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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS

1. WILLIAM BUTLER OF INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS CALLED NOVEMBER 13 TO INFORM DEPARTMENT THAT MR. G. E. BISSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW ZEALAND ICJ SECTION WOULD VISIT MANILA NOVEMBER 15 FOR A TWO-WEEK STAY.

2. BISSON IS VICE PRESIDENT OF NEW ZEALAND LAW SOCIETY (EQUIVALENT OF US BAR) AND DISTINUGISHED NEW ZEALAND LAWYER WHO HAS ALSO SERVED AS CROWN PROSECUTOR. HE HAS BEEN ASKED BY ICJ TO DO FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION ON STATUS OF POLITI-CAL PRISONER CASES, ADEQUACY OF PROTECTION OF PRISONERS RIGHTS, ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE AND STATUS OF DE LA TORRE CASE. HE IS ALSO TO ESTABLISH BETTER LIAISON WITH CHURCH GROUPS.

3. BUTLER SAID ICJ HAD BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN JOINT MISSION WITH AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL BUT HAD REFUSED, PREFERING TO MAINTAIN THEIR OWN INDEPENDENCE ALTHOUGH THEY REGRET THE DUPLICATION THIS WILL CAUSE. BUTLER SAID ICJ
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TIMED VISIT PURPOSELY TO PRECEDE AMNESTY TEAM.

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4. BUTLER DID NOT RPT NOT REQUEST ANY APPOINTMENTS FOR
BISSON AT EMBASSY. INGERSOLL

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